

October 17, 2003

Mayor Neal Peacock  
Castle Dale City  
Box 728  
Castle Dale, Utah 84513

Re: Comments on Proposal to Expand ATV Trail System Near Des-Bee--Dove Mine,  
C/015/0017, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Peacock:

This letter is a follow-up to the telephone conversation that we had on October 15, 2003 in which we discussed possible development of an ATV Trail System that would connect the Arapeen ATV trail to the San Rafael ATV Trail System. The proposal calls for development of the trail going through the Des Bee Dove Mine site.

As we discussed, the Division would have no preference one way or the other in this matter. Our involvement is primarily with regulating the mine site and ensuring that it is maintained in an environmentally sound manner. The cattle trail above the mine site is part of the permit area of the now reclaimed Des Bee Dove Mine. Currently the Permittee, Pacificorp, is responsible for maintaining the site (including the trail). Even though the site has been reclaimed, there is a ten-year liability period through which we will hold bond money to ensure that the reclamation of the site is successful. In order for the company to be released from the liability, an alternative post-mining land use change would have to be proposed by them. PacifiCorp may or may not be interested in pursuing this. If the Permittee submitted all of the necessary information to effectuate the change, such a change could be approved by the Division.

I hope this helps in your evaluation of this proposal. Please call me at (801) 538-5325 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor